

for have been achieved. Our next priority is to paint the school swimming pool. There are four more opportunities we have in mind for raising money. These include the two cross country food stalls, the Targa Motorsports event and Pets Day cake auction and hangi. Please feel free to contact Myke, Dawn, Batch and Tamae if you are available to help or have ideas to share regarding any projects

Police Rainbows End Fun Trip

As in previous year this event has been organised by the Police Bluelight and is open to Year 6 to 8 students. On Saturday 20 August a bus will be leaving from Otorohanga and the total cost for the day is \$60 for transport and entry. Please contact the school by Wednesday 17 August if you wish to register your child or children.

Children's Work

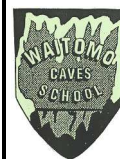
Congratulations Jacob Dimond, Cortez Ratima (Piopio), Ratapu Winikerei and Blaze Cameron for being selected as ball boys in last weekends King Country pre-season rugby match at the Waitomo domain. Well done.



What's Coming Up At Waitomo Caves School

8 August	Kick-Start Classes resume
9 August	BOT meeting
17 August	Small Schools Cross Country
20 August	Police Fun Day
24 August	COP's Cross Country
26 August	Community Assembly
30 Aug – 2 Sept	Snow Camp
9 September	Waikato Percussion Festival
14 September	Seniors COP's Mathletics

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Term Three 2011

Week One – 5 August

Dear Parents and Friends of the School

Tena Koutou Katoa

Welcome to school Jacob Dimond who joins the senior class students and teachers. We also welcome Christen Dimond and Vanessa Robb as part of our supportive parent community.

Everyone has begun an exciting term with classroom changes. Welcome Mrs Felicity Steger, the principal release teacher, who works with Year 4 to 8 students. Welcome Miss Jenny Crown, the morning third classroom teacher who works with some middle school children. Miss Crown's group are the Totara Class students. In the afternoons these students reassemble into Kowhai and Kauri classes. It is neat to welcome both Felicity and Jenny as their many skills will be a great asset to the children of Waitomo Caves and our lovely school. Please make yourselves known to Felicity and Jenny as I know they will be pleased to meet you too.

Administration Upgrade

Contractors are in their final stages of work with the administration upgrade. It is anticipated that the job will be completed mid week next week. We would like to bless the building and have an afternoon tea later in the week. This is likely to happen at 2.30pm on either Thursday or Friday. A flyer will be sent home early next week.



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Funding

We have received fantastic news about successful funding applications that have been made over the last month. Firstly we have received a grant from the Lion Foundation for soccer uniforms, balls, goals and equipment. Unfortunately these items haven't been ready for this season but it does mean we will all be set and ready to go for next season.

Waitomo Rugby Sports and Recreation Club

The WRSRC netball team has been successful with funding for netball goals. The current goals have been out of action for some time. These new goals will be installed on the school netball court over the next few weeks with Batch's expertise. The wonderful thing about these is that they are adjustable rotating netball and basketball goals that adults and children will be able to utilise. The timing is perfect as the miniball season is about to begin. Our sincere thanks to the WRSR Club and netball team.

Miniball

This year's miniball season is likely to begin around the end of August. Children have been asked to consider if they wish to play and have discussions with parents about this. Registrations will be called for in the next couple of weeks. We ask that parents please also consider if they are available to coach and let Mrs Dimond know. The grades are:

Junior	Ages 6 & 7 / Years 1 & 2 (Half court)
Intermediate B	Ages 8 & 9 / Years 3 & 4 (Half court, raised goals)
Intermediate A	Ages 9 & 10 & 11 / Years 5 & 6 (Full court)
Senior	Ages 11 & 12 & 13 / Years 7 & 8 (Full court)

Juniors and Intermediate B games will be held on Wednesdays, Intermediate A on Thursdays and Seniors on Fridays and Tuesdays if needed. Games will begin at 3.30pm on all days and are 12 minutes each way, with a minute half time. No games will be played during the school holidays.

Soccer

Tomorrow the Closing Day Tournament is scheduled for all teams starting at 9.00am with a briefing. All players need to be at the domain by 9.00am, please be there on time. Draws and the field layout will be available in the morning. All teams will play up to four games. A prizegiving will be held at the completion of the day around 12.45pm for 8th to 13th grade teams.

Measles Update

If you missed seeing the green flyer about the measles illness please notify the school so we can send home another notice.

Camp

Snow Camp has been rescheduled for Tuesday 30 August through to Friday 2 September. Thank you to those families who have returned their camp forms indicating their intentions regarding this trip. As it is still early in regards to the organisation of these days I am unable to confirm finer details. Please ensure your forms are returned on Monday if you are still considering options or phone me with your details.

Community Assembly

The community assembly has been brought forward due to camp. The next community assembly is planned for Friday 26 August and will begin at 2.30pm sharp. Please join us for the afternoon.

Small Schools Cross Country

The whole school will be involved in the Small Schools race on Wednesday 17 August then champion runners will compete in the COP's race the following week, Wednesday 24 August. Otorohanga Primary will be joining us this day and we look forward to our usual gathering of Hangatiki and St Mary's school children. The course venue will be the HTG Hut on Te Anga Road and we will require parents to help transport children on the day of these races. Also we need parental support with the organisation and running of the food stall for both of these days. This will be two great opportunities to help fundraising for school projects. Please contact Dawn, Batch or school if you are able to help with the food stall.

Children are reminded to be prepared for cross country training everyday at school. It is advisable that children bring a spare set of clothing and footwear in case they need to change clothes if they get wet or dirty.

Targa Motorsports Event

We have been approached by the Targa Motorsports committee regarding a rally they wish to hold in Waitomo on Thursday 27 October. As a fundraising group we wish to accept their offer in providing lunches on this day. We are also looking for eight marshals to help with supervising areas between Te Anga and Waitomo for part of the day. Potentially we could raise \$2,000 for our efforts. Please contact Dawn, Batch or school if you are available to help with either marshalling or lunches. Lunches will be distributed from the Pavilion at the rugby club.

From the Fundraising Committee

Everyone's efforts for fundraising this year has been fantastic and sincerely appreciated. More than half of the projects we aimed to fundraise